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Federal Communications Commission;

I recently became aware that you are considering a National "No Call" action that would diminish the effect of Indiana's own law. I would like to go on record as opposing any action on your part that would weaken the stance on "Telephone Privacy" that Indiana has taken.

Prior to Indian's Telephone Privacy law, on a daily basis, I would receive 2-3 bothersome calls from individuals and companies that I had no desire to do business with. Since I was working full time, all of these calls came during what little "family" time that I had, which disrupted a very important part of my day.

I have gone from 14 – 21 calls per week to weeks where I do not receive any unwanted calls. This is because of the Indiana Telephone Privacy law. I feel that this law was one of the most beneficial laws to help the quality of family time at home that has been passed in the recent past. I also no longer have to deal with the rudeness that so many of these callers exhibit.

These companies that are intent on disrupting our family time have many avenues open to them for advertising their products or promotions. They can use the mail, ads on radio & television, billboards, etc., disturbing people at home does not have to be one of their options.

Another benefit of not receiving unwanted phone calls is that they can no longer prey on Senior Citizens that have diminished mental capacities. I felt much more secure on my mother's behalf, prior to her passing, that Indiana had taken a step that not only protected family time, but protected our Senior Citizens from callers that WOULD take advantage of them as well.

I feel any action on your part that would diminish the strength of Indiana's Telephone Privacy law would be unjustified and detrimental to our families.

Respectfully Submitted – Donald R. Rice